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STATE FOR EAP/MLS, L/EAP, L/PM, PM/ISO, INR AND DRL
PACOM FOR FPA CHRISTY, JIATF/WEST FOR COMMANDER BUSCH

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SUBJECT: THAILAND HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR: DEA, JIATF/WEST LEATHER
TORCH 10-2 TRAINING EXERCISE IN NAKHON SI THAMMARAT, THAILAND
JANUARY 25 - MARCH 19, 2010.

REF: A. DEA/JIATF WEST MEMOS DATED November 27, 2009

[1](#)B. 05 STATE 021314 - GUIDANCE

[1](#)C. 03 STATE 34981 - GUIDANCE

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request for human rights verification
required by the Leahy Amendment.

[1](#)2. (U) DEA/JIATF West Bangkok has requested that the Embassy/State
Department complete human rights vetting request for the individuals
listed below, who have been selected to attend the above-mentioned
course. Embassy Bangkok possesses no credible information at this
time of gross violations of human rights by these persons. Embassy
Bangkok Political Officer, Gillian Apfel, is the verifying officer
for the Embassy/Department of State.

Course: Leather Torch 10-2 Training Exercise in Nakhon Si Thammarat,
Thailand, January 25 - March 19, 2010.
Participants:

Name: Puthichart Ekachant
DOB: July 15, 1958; Bangkok Thailand
Title/Rank: Commander Narcotics, Police Major General
Unit: Narcotics Suppression, Bureau (NSB), Number 88, Village Number
3, Vibhavadee Rangsit Road, Lak Si District, Bangkok, Thailand

Name: Suraphong Khamasingki
DOB: March 28, 1953; Bangkok, Thailand
Title/Rank: Commander, Police Major General
Unit: Border Patrol Police (BPP), Region IV, Ramkhamhaeng Camp,
Saiburi Road, Muang District, Songkhla Province, Thailand

Name: Sunthornkajit Vittawan
DOB: January 13, 1962; Bangkok, Thailand
Title/Rank: Director
Unit: Office of Narcotics Control Board (ONCB), Region III, 299 Unit
NO. 5, Jor Hor Sub-District, Muang District, Nakhon Ratchasima
Province, Thailand

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